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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following disclosure in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98.

Attached is the PTO 1449 form, listing the references cited in the above-identified application.

Concise Explanation of the Relevant Foreign Language References

JP-U-S63-79307 discloses a sealing wrapper for vacuum sealing a bag. The device includes a nozzle that communicates with a valve 6. The valve regulates the vacuum force by a control 60 in order to prevent fluid from flowing into the nozzle.

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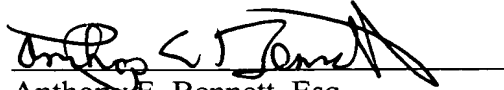
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For each of the other foreign language references, Applicants have provided herewith an English language abstract attached to the reference.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the issuance of a first Office Action but before the issuance of a final office action or notice of allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request consideration of the cited references pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). The Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2461 for the amount of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). Authorization is also given to charge any additional fees or refund any overpayments to the deposit account. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Consideration of the cited references is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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